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C. F. BROWN, FRIDAY, MAR 5, 1897.

Republican Nomination. For Justice of the Supreme Court— CHARLES D. LONG, of Ingham County. For Regents of the State University— W. J. COCKER, of Hillsdale County. C. D. LAWTON, of Van Buren County.

For County School Commissioner-O. G. TUTTLE.

Republican Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT-EDGAR A. BAGLEY. FOR CLERK-EARL G. TORREY. FOR TREASURER-WILLIAM J. GARGETT.

FOR TRUSTEES, two years—
JOHN W. DEAN.
GEORGE E. WILSON.
FRANK E. POLLASKY. FOR TRUSTEE, one year (to fill vacancy) -ELY BREWBAKER. FOR ASSESSOR-VIRGIL M. WILSON, FOR CONSTABLE - GEORGE WILARD.

Republican Caucus.

The largest caucus ever held in the village, and the most enthusiastic was the republican's on Saturday night The caucus was called to order by C. F. Brown, Dr. E. A. Bagley was made chairman and C. F. Brown clerk, E. N. Chadwick, S. W. Tinker and L. Gee tellers. The contest was sharp, but friendly taking three ballots to decide on the treasurer. The ticket gives entire satisfaction to all regardless of politics, as it is strong in every particular. First, they are all first-class business men, and men who are interested in the good will of our village; second, they are men of character and hustle, just the kind of men to give us a first-class administration in every respect, in fact it is the strongest ticket ever nominated in the village. Now let an effort be made, and elect the ticket by an overwhelming majority, and our village will be well looked after for the next year.

After the nominations, the chair ap- ing an assaying building. pointed the following village committee, C. F. Brown, L. Gee and E. N. Chadwick.

Our Candidates.

Dr. E. A. Bagley, the Republican candidate for president of the village, is perhaps as well known as any man in years very acceptably to the public, is a lage for marriage. thorough business man in every respect, and if elected, will do credit to the town. Give him your support next Monday and you will never regret it.

Earl G. Torrey, a promising young attorney, of this place, seeks election on the Republican ticket as village clerk. found in the fact that the first and last
Mr. Torrey was born and brought up in bills introduced at this session related not distinct the fact that the first and last Rob's cries had been gradually growing fainter. Byron shouted to him, but could not distinct the first and last Rob's cries had been gradually growing fainter. Gratiot county, was educated for the to the upper peninsula. House bill that the boy was beyond making any efwith high honors in his class, and con- Chamberlain, January 13, provided for had fallen with him. ducted a successful practice in Detroit an appropriation for a normal school in for two years. About one year ago he the upper peninsula, and the last bill came to Alma and built a fine residence received Wednesday night, No. 1232, on Maple Avenue. He is building up a asks for an appropriation for the asylum good practice, is a taxpayer, a good busi- for insane at Newbury. ness man and experienced in this line of work. You can't do better than to vote

than any other member.

zen in this office?

careful and far-seeing council man.

Geo. Wilson is a man with a clean record, has been in the employ of the Alma Roller Mills for the past ten years, where he is known for his faithfulness bill of three members at a salary of \$2,and reliability. Being a man deeply in- 500 per year and expenses, who shall love you for this!" terested in the welfare of the town, he pass upon the character and fitness of all

enterprising young business men, a all liquor laws are strictly enforced. heavy taxpayer and enthusiastic for the The commission may also elect a secrewelfare of the town. If elected he will tary at a salary of \$1,200 per year, and bring to the council, a long and success- appoint a deputy in each county at a salful business experience and add dignity ary of \$100 per annum. The expense of to the office.

eashier of the bank, was the choice of shall be at Lansing. the Republican caucus for trustee for one year. Ely is an Alma boy well

known and highly respected by all. The responsible position which he has held for so long speaks well of his busi-ness abilities. It is safe to say that no better man for the place could be found. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin of Armbetter man for the place could be found. He is fully alive to the needs of the He is fully alive to the needs of the taken its contents, I was like a new town, broad minded, liberal and person, and I now feel better and weigh thoughtful. Vote for one of your more than I have in years." It is sold brightest young men, you will never in 10c, 50c and \$1.00 sizes at B. S. Webb. regret it.

V. M. Wilson has been for two years village assessor, and at the urgent request of everyone, regardless of party, he has become a candidate once more The satisfaction he has given speaks millions in his favor. Of course you will vote for him.

better than any other. Trial size 10c (10 doses 10c), larger sizes 50c and \$1.00, at B. S. Webb.

Should be Re-elected Irrespective of Party.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 8, 1897. Mr. C. F. Pike, Perrinton, Mich.

Dear Sir :- I am very happy to bear record of my appreciation of the work done by Mr. Tuttle in your county. I Editor. all parts of Michigan, and I know of no commissioner who is closer to his work, wiser in management, more conscientious in every duty than Mr. Tuttle. The people of Gratiot county, irrespective of party, should see to it that such an efficient officer is returned. I sincerely hope for the good of the schools, that Mr. Tuttle will not fail of election.

Very truly yours, CHAS. MCKENNY. (President Central Michigan Normal

School.) Should be Re-elected

LANSING, MICH., Feb. 9, 1897. Mr. C. F. Pike, Perrinton, Mich. Dear Sir:-I have counted Commis-

sioner O. G. Tuttle of Gratiot county. one of the most sensible, enthusiastic, vigorous, hard-working commissioners in the state. He has devoted heart and brain, time and energy to the educational interests of his county. If good near that ole pump in the back yard has work counts for anything, Mr. Tuttle should have no trouble in securing H. R. PATTENGILL. another term.

(Ex-Superintendent of Public Instruc-

AT THE STATE CAPITOL. Interesting Doings Among the Senators.

IT'S DEMOCRAT VOUGHT NOW.

LANSING, MARCH, 4th. In the report of the Baird-Kerr contest we note that Representative Vought is called a democrat. "Something new I

The mining school recommended an appropriation of \$94,920 for the maintenance of the mining school at Houghton for the next two years, and \$40,815 for refitting the school and construct-

Representative Chamberlain has presented a long petition to the house, signed by 500 women, officers of the W. C. T. U., Epworth League and Christian Guild. It prayed for the passage of a bill to prohibit the use of cigarettes, for prisons for women and Gratiot county. He has served in the matrons in police stations, and procapacity of village president for two tested against the bill to lower the legal

> The Kimmis bill providing that female insane prisoners shall be treated tempt to lower a ladder. by physicians of their own sex, will be favorably reported out of committee.

A coincidence worthy of note is Now came the desperate moment.

Mr. Edgar's bill for the licensing of like fires of appeal. engineers provides for the appointment the trough. A first-class competent clerk is one of by the governor of a board of twelve the most important factions of a good practical engineers, none of whom are of answer. board, as much if not more falls on him to be engaged in the manufacture or sale of steam boilers. No licenses are to pearance, vanished from their sight down be granted to persons under twenty of stones and clay. One of the oldest pioneers of Gratiot years of age, and chief engineers must county, W. J. Gargett seeks your sup- have had five years' experience in operport as village treasurer. Do you want ating steam boilers, and others must a good business man, an accurate ac- have three years' experience. The fee countant and a perfectly reliable citi- for examination is \$2, which is to apply in defraying the expenses of the board. The compensation of the members is to John Dean is an excellent business be \$3 per day and expenses when actualman, with an eye ever open to the best ly engaged in their duties. Persons actinterests of the village, and a genuine ing in violation of the act are subject to hustler in every way. He will make a a fine of \$100 or ninety days in jail, or both. Engineers upon railroad locomotive engines are exempt from the pro- find his head pillowed tenderly upon a visions of the act.

will make a genuine good councilman, persons desiring to engage in the business of retail liquor dealer and to super-Frank Pollasky is one of Alma's most vise all licenses, and who shall see that you can think of me for a wife." the commission is to be paid from the state's proportion of the tax upon retail have vanity enough never to sit with my Ely Brewbaker, the popular assistant dealers. The office of the commission

Mrs. Maggle Myers. Williamsport, Ind., writes. "I suf-fered for months of severe stomach troubles, caused by indigestion and constrong and Swank and as soon as I had

Have You a Cold? If so, then, instead of taking so much quinine and other strong medicines, take a pleasant and mild stomach and bowel remedy, which will cleanse the system, and you will be surprised how quickly the cold will leave you. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will do this

HE HAD REAL GRIT.

The artist abruptly straightened his back and sharply declared his sketch at an end. He desired his model to run away and find any amusement, short of mischief, elsewhere, with a bribe that in two days have been in a great many counties in he should see the picture of himself as "Good Temper" complete.

Then Cressy squared his shoulders, walked straight to the hammock where Nellie Needham lay and gave her an opportunity to utter the negative which she had been secretly rehearsing.

"You know well what I have to tel! you, Nellie," he said. "My life, I love you! I reverence the very breath you breathe! Can you condescend to think of me for a husband?"

She had known her second cousin Bryon Cressy, for exactly two weeks, during which time he had been a guest in her father's country home. Those two weeks had been sufficient to give her an implicit belief in his truth. Still she resolutely hardened her heart, which was usually as soft as jelly, setting herself to keep her pre-

vious resolution. "Forgive me, Bryon," she answered. "I think it an honor that you should care for me, but I must say no to you. You are not exactly the sort of man whom I would wish to marry."

"Miss Nellie," called an excited voice close to her hammeck, the voice of Della, colored servant, in woeful terror. "Miss Nellie, sure as you're alive, the ground

The scene which greeted them when they reached the back yard mournfully confirmed Delia's words. In one corner of this inclosure was an ancient pump, which had long been neglected, because the pavement surrounding it was judged insecure. But a heavy stone trough, fixed under its mouth from which cattle had formerly drunk, had not been removed. A barricade of narrow planks a foot or so apart had been erected round the danger-

has fallen clear into the black well!"

Rob Needham had been driven from the society of his sister Nell. And in his present mood of mischief that timber barricade offered no obstacle to him. He cunningly wriggled his body between the planks and started to work at the rusty, stiff pump

Under the boy's weight as he worked a portion of the treacherous payement gave way. Down it went and Rob with it into the dark shaft of the pump.

Not into the well. Delia was wrong there. The child's full had been stopped by two planks placed across each other in the shaft, about midway between the black depths of water and the surface. To these he clung, bruised and dizzy.

Delia had evidently carried her news far and wide before she startled the pair in the orchard, for Nellie saw that the yard was already half filled with men. One dread was on every tongue. The pavement near the trough had not yet given way. But if it didy

"That would simply mean goodby child," said a member of the tarong sor rowfully.

Suddenly amid the bubble a voice spoke out sharply and with command. "We can't stir that trough," said the artist. "We daren't try it. But we may get ropes through its rings before we at-

The strongest hemp at hand was passed through solid rings attached to the great stone vessel and held by two or three of the ablest men. A ladder was lowered

law in Washington, D. C., graduating number one, offered by Representative fort to free himself from the rubbish that Men who in an ordinary brawl or riot

were daredevils enough eyed that crumbling payement, pictured the black depths of the well beneath and sneaked aside. One alone stood pale at the top of the ladder. For an instant only his dark eyes -which Nell had called dreamy and womanish-looked at the men with the ropes,

"Boys," he said, "you'll keep hold of

"By our souls we will" came a chorus

the insecure ladder amid another shower Twee ty minutes passed slowly-terturingly-20 minutes of a suspense which brought sweat like rain from rough faces

and made Nell's lips too dry to give forth Then, amid a climax of excitement, a black head showed at the top of the lad-

der. Bryon reappeared, his face piebald with dirt, his shirt ragged, but his arms clasping Rob's living body.
"Give him brandy!" yelled the men. But ere the cordial was at his lips, sick

from the poisonous air of the shaft, the artist fainted. By and by he recovered consciousness to

girl's arm. "You dear, noble boy!" whispered Nell

Mr. Stoneman's excise commission to him tremulously. 'Rob will soon be all right; he is not badly injured in any way. Oh, Byron, as long as I live I shall

Enough to change that no you said awhile ago?" questioned Cressy in weak 'Yes, indeed. The question is whether

"Well, I'll try," said Byron amiably, "if you'll start me with a kiss."-Boston

Don't Face the Light.

"I have learned enough about the effect of light," says the young woman, "and face toward a wind; w which is but little shaded if I can help. It is not the weakness of a shallow mind, I am sure, for I discovered one day, to my great surprise, that this little failing of mine is shared by at least one very clever woman. She is a woman belonging to a family which has distinguished itself in literature, has had really famous members, and this woman herself is a clover writer and speaker-a charming and cultivated woman. I was calling upon her one day last winter, when I made this comforting discovery. I had taken a seat by the window on a small sofa. I sat on the end of the sofa nearest the window, but out of the light. When my hostess came in, she greeted me warm ly; but, holding my hand firmly, she drew me forward and took my seat, placing me at the farther end of the sofa, with the light shining full upon me. It was all done in a perfectly ladylike way, but so decidedly that I could not, without rudeness, have retained the seat of my choice. There was only one reason for the action, and that was vanity. All women are vain, and it is one of their best traits .- New York

IN A BLACK BAG.

"I want you," said our superintendent one day, "to go down to Strandon hall, Some mysterious thefts are taking place, and the local police can make neither head nor tail of the affair."

I found that I had been announced as the new tutor to a boy of 13 years of age, who, however, was not to commence studies at once, as his holidays were not vet concluded.

The thefts had been going on for some time, and only three days after I had arrived the superintendent's wife's gold watch had disappeared. She had wound it up the last thing before she had gone to bed, and when she and Mr. Stanton had gone down stairs to breakfast they had both observed that it lay upon the dressing table The chambermaid, too, who had gone in immediately after, had also seen it lying there.

I had no susplcion of the chambermaid. I did not like the butler, but that perhaps was because he did not betray any great partiality for me, though he was forced to show me some respect as the new tutor who had come to educate and look after Master Reginald.

I discovered that he was not above opening a bottle of wine and imbibing its contents, and that occasionally he might be found at a public house in the town. Yet I did not on this account jump at conclusions. The man who would steal bottles broke down at last, and that chile Rob of wine and drink them was not the thief of watches, rings, plate and valuable ornaments, of which things quite a large number had disappeared.

In two more days two valuable ornaments had been taken from the drawing

"Mrs. Stanton," I said, "I think it will be necessary to make a thorough search through the place and into every servant's box in the house.

What really stuck me was that on neither of these occasions had any servant apparently left the house or been visited by anybody from the outside. "Of course, to allay susplcion, my boxes

shall be searched as well, "I said.
"As you will." she replied. "Perhaps, however, I ought to tell you that this has again and again been done, and that the servants have themselves so frequently urged it and almost forced it to be done that at last I said it should not be repeatrect.

"I think perhaps, madam," I modestly urged, "that my knowledge of boxes and their sometimes secret ways may be of

places were found. A few articles were taken to Mrs. Stanton to see if she would lay claim to them, but they were not hers. I had never before so utterly failed. In the course of as many weeks two other

thefts had taken place, and as I neither could detect the culprit nor make the least suggestion, in order to get away from the place. I thought it was time to go back to One day soon after my return to town

whom should I see pass into a well known pawnbroker's shop, in the west end, but Mr. Stanton! I followed him in and spoke to him, but he seemed in no way to know

"My name is Trevelyan of Scotland Yard, and I have been in your house at Winchester striving to detect thefts that are there taking place.

"I have no house at Winchester, and I do not know you," he rather curtly replied. "Well, this is a funny go," I involunhowever, the gentleman unfastened his bag-a bag I well knew-and offered in pledge two or three articles that to me were perfectly familiar.

"Why, str. you are Mr. Stanton of Strandon Hall, Winchester, and these are things I know to have been in your house. "Yes, and you have pledged many such things," the pawnbroker, who knew me, Suffield."

"Certainly," he replied, "and I live at Cumberland place," mentioning a number. I went to Cumberland place, but no such name as Suffield was there known, and though I lingered about till late at night the gentleman whom I knew to be Mr. Stanton never appeared.

The next morning I was off to Win chester and of course went straight to Straudon Hall. Mr. Stanton, as usual, had left for business. "Did Mr. Stanton tell you that he saw

me in London yesterday?" I asked Mrs. Stanton. "I am not aware that he was in London yesterday. He has not said anything about

"Well, at any rate, I have discovered how your property goes and where some and I believe the whole of it is."

'And have you caught the thief?" 'It is not a thief who takes it.' What do you mean?

"Your goods are taken from this house and disposed of, though not sold, by Mr.

Stanton. Mrs. Stanton was astonished and could hardly believe her own ears. "But how can it be accounted for;" she

"Only I think in two ways-either he needs to raise money for business pur-

poses or he has a hallucination." "He is not short of money, for he is cer-tainly very wealthy, and his business is exceedingly prosperous. As to a hallucination, he once did suffer from a very peculiar one indeed. He thought that his right arm was off. But he was cured of

"I think," I said, "you had better consult the same doctor again."

The doctor was immediately sent for, and he advised that nothing should at present be said, but that first of all the black bag day by day should be examined to see if any articles from home could be found in it, and perhaps it would be better for that to be done by the head clerk at the office, who, of course, must be let into the secret. That was done, and many articles supposed to be stolen were recovered in that way. - Exchange.

An Independent Postmaster.

There is one postmaster in Ohio who does not fear the inspector. Recently an old maid informed the postmaster general that there was smoking in the postoffice at O. She went straight to headquarters. The postmaster general notified Inspector in Charge Salmon to investigate. and he did. He found that the postoffice was in a grocery store. The postmaster was the storekeeper, and in reply to the detective said: "Yes, I smoke and my son smokes. And let me tell you something. Smoking is a necessity with me and the postoffice is not, so the sooner you take your office away the better I'll like it." The office paid about \$5 a year, and nobody else would take it, so the postmaster was informed that he might smoke all he wanted to so long as he did not blow it in



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